

U.S. Intervention and Control in Venezuela

Survey of Canadians and Americans



Methodology

This week, we surveyed Canadians and Americans on their perceptions of U.S. involvement in Venezuela.

Method

Online survey among respondents 18 years of age or older.
(Canadian sample: **n= 1,540**
American sample: **n= 1,011**.)

Respondents had the option of completing the survey in French and English and were randomly recruited using LEO's online panel.

Weighting

Results were weighted according to **age, gender, mother tongue, region, education and presence of children in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the Canadian population and according to **age, gender, region, education, ethnicity, and number of people in the household** in order to ensure a representative sample of the American population.

When

Data collection from **January 9 to January 11, 2025**.

Margin of error

For comparison purposes, a probability sample of this size yields a margin of error no greater than **±2.50%**, (19 times out of 20) for the Canadian sample and **±3.08%**, (19 times out of 20) for the American sample.

Significant differences

Data in bold **red** characters indicate a significantly lower proportion than that of other respondents. Conversely, data in bold **green** characters indicate a significantly higher proportion than that of other respondents.

Rounded data

The numbers presented have been rounded up. However, the numbers before rounding were used to calculate the sums presented and might therefore not correspond to the manual addition of these numbers.

Questions

Have questions about the data presented in this report? Please contact Andrew Enns, Executive Vice-President, Central Canada at the following e-mail address: aenns@leger360.com or Sébastien Dallaire, Executive Vice-President, Eastern Canada, at sdallaire@leger360.com.

Notes

A more detailed methodology is presented in the Appendix.

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CANADA 2025

LEGER POLL
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OFFICIALS RESULTS
2025 Canada
Federal Election

	43%	43.7%
	39%	41.3%
	8%	6.3%
	6%	6.3%
	2%	1.2%

BRITISH COLUMBIA 2024

LEGER POLL
Published on
October 18, 2024

OFFICIALS RESULTS
2024 British Columbia
Provincial Election

	46%	45%
	42%	43%
	9%	8%
Others	3%	4%

UNITED STATES 2024

LEGER POLL
Published on
November 4, 2024

OFFICIALS RESULTS
2024 United States
Presidential Election

	49%	50%
	49%	48%
Others	2%	2%

Key Highlights

Some of **the key highlights** of our survey...

Attention to the U.S.–Venezuela Situation Is Broad but Deeper in the U.S.

Two-thirds of Canadians (65%) say they are following developments involving the U.S. and Venezuela, matching the level of attention seen in the United States (65%). However, Americans are more likely to be following the situation very closely (30% vs. 21%). In Canada, attention is higher among older adults (77% among those 55+), and Liberal voters (74%)

Perception U.S. Military Action Damages America’s Image Stronger in Canada

A majority of Canadians (56%) say the U.S. military operation in Venezuela has worsened their impression of the U.S. government, compared with 37% of Americans who say the same. Only 9% of Canadians report an improved impression, versus 20% of Americans saying its improved the impression of their government. Worsened views are especially strong among older Canadians (68%) and Liberal (76%) and NDP voters (73%), while Conservative voters say that their views improved in higher proportions (21%).

Canadians Prioritize Sovereignty; Americans Are More Supportive

Most Canadians (53%) believe the U.S. intervention was a bad thing because it violated Venezuela’s sovereignty, compared with 39% of Americans. Americans are more likely to view the action as justified and beneficial due to corruption in Maduro's government (35% vs. 23% in Canada). In Canada, opposition is strongest among Liberal (73%), NDP (68%), and Bloc voters (70%), while nearly half of Conservative voters see the intervention positively (46%).

Oil Dominates Perceptions of U.S. Motives, Especially in Canada

Nearly two-thirds of Canadians (63%) believe the U.S. intervened primarily to gain control of Venezuela’s oil reserves, compared with 43% of Americans (a plurality). In Canada, the belief in oil-driven motives is highest among older respondents (74%) and Liberal (77%) and Bloc (76%) voters, reinforcing a slightly more cynical view of U.S. intentions than that seen south of the border.

Greater Canadian Concern About Future U.S. Interventions

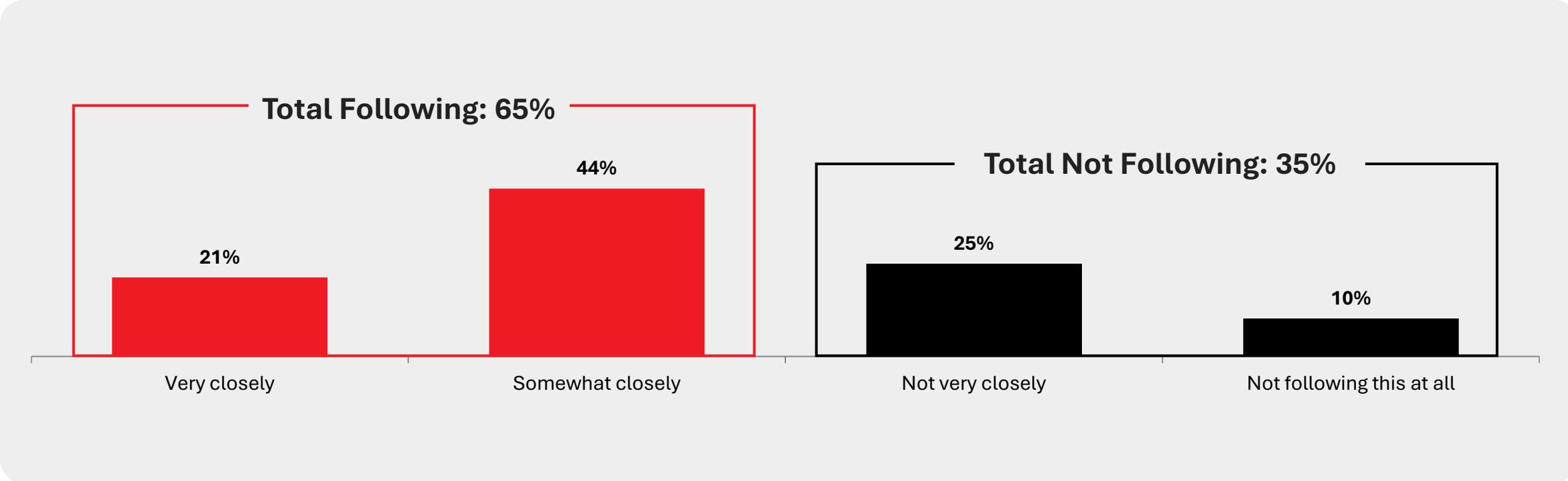
Canadians are more likely than Americans to believe the U.S. could attempt to take control of other countries in the future, including Greenland, Cuba, Colombia, Panama and Canada. Notably, 31% of Canadians believe the U.S. could eventually target Canada itself, compared with 20% of Americans. These concerns are strongest among Liberal voters and older Canadians, suggesting Venezuela is seen as part of a broader pattern rather than an isolated case.

Detailed Results

Level of Attention to U.S.–Venezuela Developments (1/2)

Q1. How closely are you following the recent developments involving the United States and Venezuela?

Base: All Canadian respondents (n=1,540)



Level of Attention to U.S.–Venezuela Developments (2/2)

Q1. How closely are you following the recent developments involving the United States and Venezuela?

Base: All Canadian respondents (n=1,540)

	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,540	104	355	596	99	171	214	751	789	411	496	634
Unweighted n=	1,540	102	414	605	134	130	155	796	744	369	478	693
TOTAL YES	65%	69%	59%	66%	64%	65%	73%	73%	58%	60%	55%	77%
Very closely	21%	10%	20%	22%	25%	16%	26%	28%	14%	14%	16%	29%
Somewhat closely	44%	59%	39%	43%	39%	49%	48%	46%	43%	47%	39%	47%
TOTAL NOT FOLLOWING	35%	31%	41%	34%	36%	35%	27%	27%	42%	40%	45%	23%
Not very closely	25%	24%	29%	25%	22%	25%	18%	19%	30%	28%	30%	18%
Not following this at all	10%	7%	12%	10%	14%	9%	8%	8%	12%	12%	15%	5%

Level of Attention to U.S.–Venezuela Developments – *By Voting Intentions*

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	Total Canada	LPC	CPC	NDP	BQ	GPC
Weighted n=	1,540	538	490	83	92	48
Unweighted n=	1,540	614	410	106	107	40
TOTAL YES	65%	74%	68%	65%	67%	68%
Very closely	21%	27%	21%	23%	20%	27%
Somewhat closely	44%	47%	47%	42%	47%	41%
TOTAL NOT FOLLOWING	35%	26%	32%	35%	33%	32%
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Not following this at all	10%	5%	7%	8%	11%	7%

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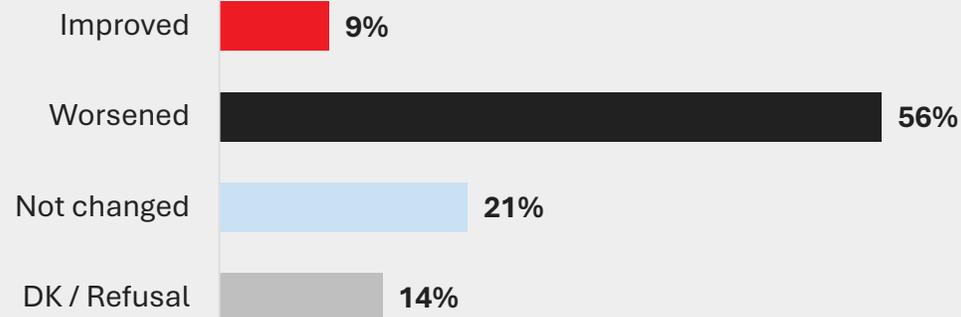
Base: All respondents

	 Total CANADA	 Total USA	Gap
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<i>Unweighted n=</i>	1,540	1,011	
TOTAL YES	65%	65%	=
Very closely	21%	30%	9
Somewhat closely	44%	35%	9
TOTAL NOT FOLLOWING	35%	35%	=
Not very closely	25%	24%	1
Not following this at all	10%	11%	1

Impact of the U.S. Military Operation in Venezuela on Impressions of the U.S. Government

Q2. Based on what you have read, heard or seen about the United States’ military operation into Venezuela, has it improved, worsened or not changed your impression of the U.S. government?

Base: All Canadian respondents (n=1,540)



	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
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Improved	9%	10%	6%	9%	11%	10%	14%	13%	6%	15%	9%	6%
Worsened	56%	65%	55%	55%	53%	54%	58%	56%	56%	45%	50%	68%
Not changed	21%	12%	27%	20%	22%	20%	17%	24%	18%	17%	24%	21%
DK / Refusal	14%	13%	12%	15%	15%	15%	11%	8%	20%	22%	16%	6%

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Improved	9%	4%	21%	2%	2%	8%
Worsened	56%	76%	38%	73%	62%	72%
Not changed	21%	13%	30%	14%	23%	13%
DK / Refusal	14%	7%	12%	12%	12%	7%

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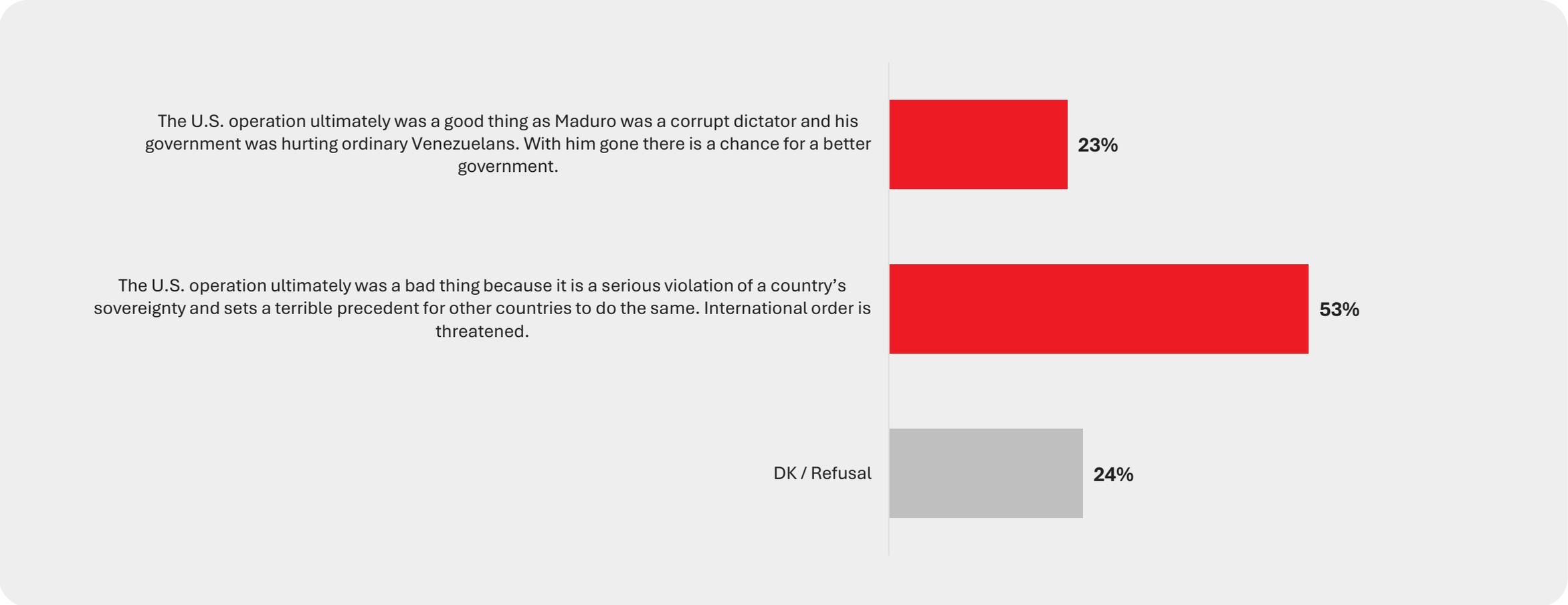
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Not changed	21%	27%	6
DK / Refusal	14%	17%	3

Personal View on the Impact of the U.S. Intervention in Venezuela (1/2)

Q3. While both statements below could be true, which perspective is closest to how you feel about the impact of the American intervention in Venezuela?

Base: All Canadian respondents (n=1,540)



Personal View on the Impact of the U.S. Intervention in Venezuela (2/2)

Q3. While both statements below could be true, which perspective is closest to how you feel about the impact of the American intervention in Venezuela?

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	Total CANADA	ATL	QC	ON	MB/SK	AB	BC	Male	Female	18-34	35-54	55+
Weighted n=	1,540	104	355	596	99	171	214	751	789	411	496	634
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The U.S. operation ultimately was a good thing as Maduro was a corrupt dictator and his government was hurting ordinary Venezuelans. With him gone there is a chance for a better government.	23%	18%	20%	20%	25%	28%	30%	28%	18%	26%	24%	19%
The U.S. operation ultimately was a bad thing because it is a serious violation of a country's sovereignty and sets a terrible precedent for other countries to do the same. International order is threatened.	53%	53%	58%	53%	48%	46%	53%	55%	51%	44%	47%	63%
DK / Prefer not to answer	24%	29%	22%	27%	27%	27%	17%	17%	31%	30%	29%	17%

Personal View on the Impact of the U.S. Intervention in Venezuela – *By Voting Intentions*

Q3. While both statements below could be true, which perspective is closest to how you feel about the impact of the American intervention in Venezuela?

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The U.S. operation ultimately was a bad thing because it is a serious violation of a country's sovereignty and sets a terrible precedent for other countries to do the same. International order is threatened.	53%	73%	34%	68%	70%	64%
DK / Prefer not to answer	24%	16%	20%	14%	10%	18%

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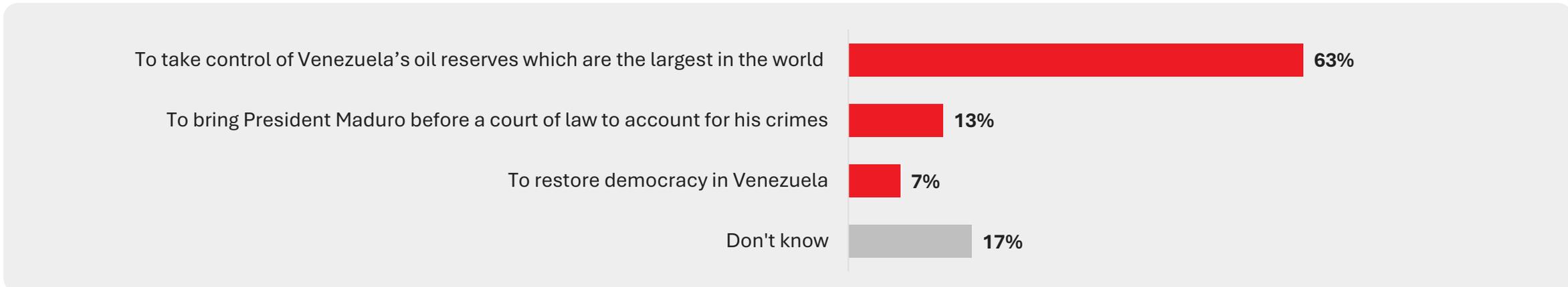
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DK / Prefer not to answer	24%	26%	2

Perceived Primary Motivation Behind the U.S. Military Operation in Venezuela

Q4. According to what you know about the situation, what was the primary reason for the United States government launching a military operation into Venezuela? Was it...

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To take control of Venezuela's oil reserves which are the largest in the world	63%	64%	67%	62%	54%	57%	63%	66%	60%	51%	58%	74%
To bring President Maduro before a court of law to account for his crimes	13%	14%	12%	11%	17%	17%	16%	15%	11%	14%	13%	13%
To restore democracy in Venezuela	7%	4%	3%	8%	10%	12%	9%	8%	7%	12%	8%	4%
Don't know	17%	18%	18%	19%	19%	15%	11%	12%	22%	24%	22%	10%

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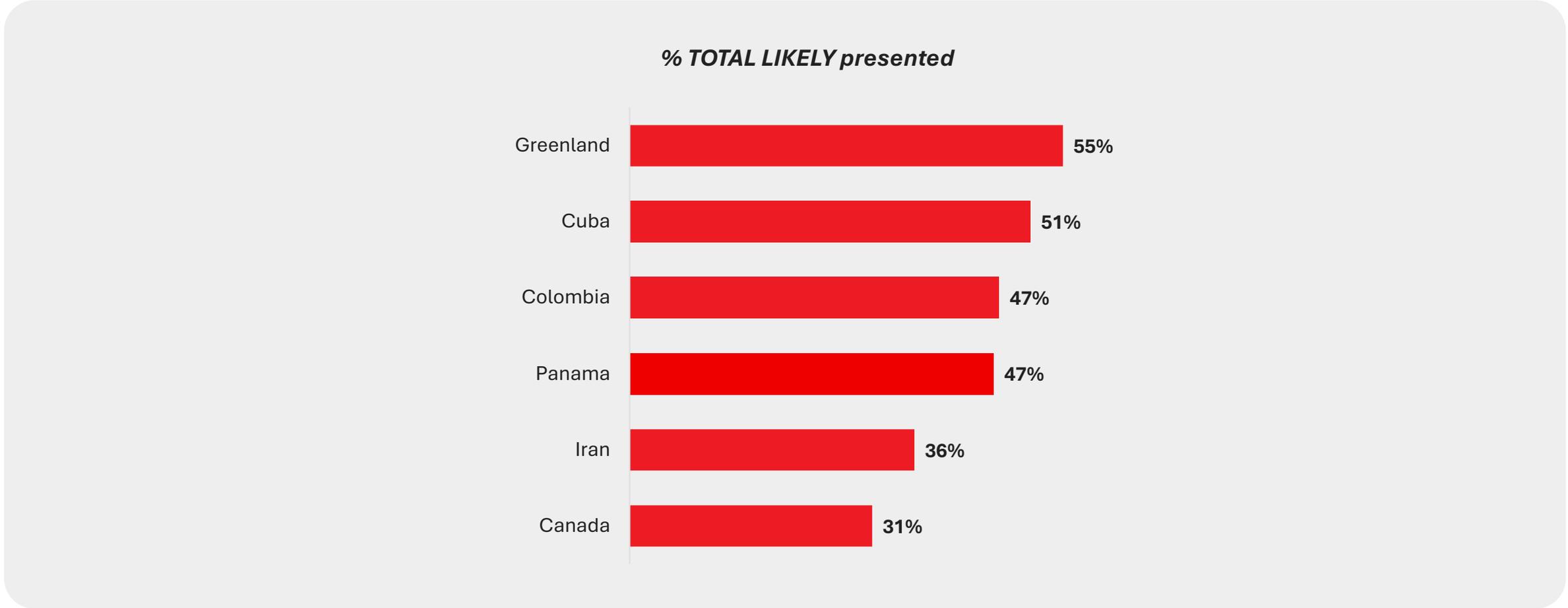
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To bring President Maduro before a court of law to account for his crimes	13%	26%	13
To restore democracy in Venezuela	7%	9%	2
Don't know	17%	21%	4

Perceived Likelihood of Future U.S. Military or Political Intervention in Other Countries (1/2)

Q5. Over the past year, the United States has made comments about wanting to take control of other countries or territories that it claims are in its national interest. For each country or territory, please indicate how likely you think it is that the U.S. government may attempt direct action to take control of it in the future.

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Perceived Likelihood of Future U.S. Military or Political Intervention in Other Countries (2/2)

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Greenland	55%	50%	59%	56%	52%	48%	58%	59%	52%	47%	52%	64%
Cuba	51%	48%	57%	51%	52%	43%	49%	52%	50%	47%	48%	56%
Colombia	47%	49%	48%	48%	44%	43%	47%	48%	47%	41%	41%	56%
Panama	47%	49%	45%	47%	47%	41%	51%	51%	43%	40%	43%	54%
Iran	36%	36%	34%	37%	44%	35%	36%	38%	35%	41%	34%	35%
Canada	31%	27%	27%	34%	31%	26%	37%	32%	30%	35%	28%	31%

Perceived Likelihood of Future U.S. Military or Political Intervention in Other Countries – *By Voting Intentions*

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Panama	47%	57%	42%	54%	55%	61%
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Cuba	51%	39%	12
Columbia	47%	35%	12
Panama	47%	39%	8
Iran	36%	34%	2
Canada	31%	20%	11

Respondent Profile

Respondent profiles – *Canadian Sample*

(Base n=1,540)

The table below presents the Canadian distribution of respondents before weighting.

Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	796	751
Female	744	744

Language (Mother Tongue)

	Unweighted	Weighted
French	360	304
English	1,053	1,112
Other	126	121

Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
18 to 34	369	411
35 to 54	478	496
55+	693	634

Province

	Unweighted	Weighted
British Columbia	155	214
Alberta	130	171
Manitoba/Saskatchewan	134	99
Ontario	605	596
Quebec	414	355
Atlantic	102	104

Respondent profiles – *American Sample*

(Base n=1,011)

The following tables present the demographic distribution of respondents for the United States.

Gender

	Unweighted	Weighted
Male	490	488
Female	521	523

Region

	Unweighted	Weighted
Northeast	210	170
Midwest	208	210
South	368	389
West	225	241

Age

	Unweighted	Weighted
Between 18 and 34	142	284
Between 35 and 54	366	327
55 and older	503	401

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